

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Claims 2, 3, 5 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 4, 6-11, 25, and 27-31 stand rejected on the merits and will be discussed below. New Claims 32-57 have been added to provide more comprehensive protection for the invention. Accordingly, Claims 1, 4, 6-11, 25, and 27-57 are pending for further consideration.

In order to distinguish more clearly from the Examiner's interpretation of Gogami (U.S. Pat. No. 6,076,737), amended Claim 1 recites a first sealing portion mounted over a front surface of a wiring substrate, a case covering the first sealing portion and the front surface of the wiring substrate, and a second sealing portion covering the rear surface of the wiring substrate so as to seal the semiconductor device and expose the external connection terminal. It is apparent that Gogami neither teaches nor suggests the aforementioned arrangement of the first and second sealing portions relative to the front and rear surfaces of a wiring substrate according to amended Claim 1. Thus, Claim 1 distinguishes patentably from the cited reference and is allowable.

Dependent Claims 4, 6-11, 25, and 27-31 are allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1.

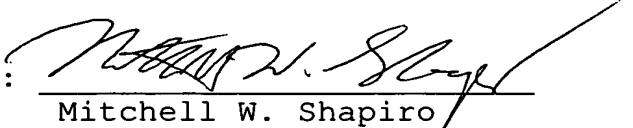
Similarly to Claim 1, new independent Claims 32, 41, and 50 recite arrangements of first and second sealing portions relative to front and rear surfaces of a substrate. As will be readily apparent, the new claims are also patentable over Gogami.

This application is in condition for allowance and should now be passed to issue.

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